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hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR, has/have invented certain new and useful improvements ("invention(s)") as described and set forth in the below-identified utility application for United States Letters Patent entitled:

SURGICAL RING FEATURING A REVERSIBLE DIAMETER REMOTE CONTROL SYSTEM

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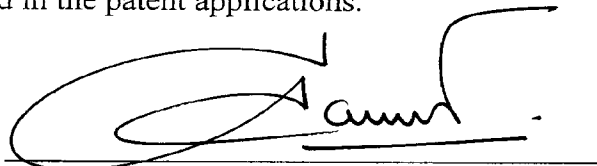
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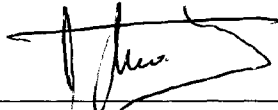


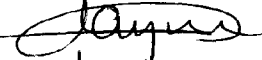
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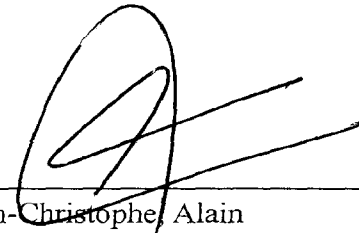
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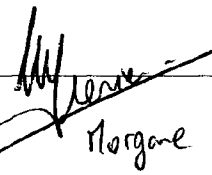

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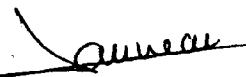
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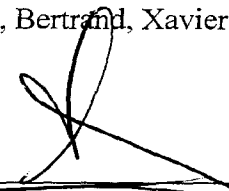

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